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15,000 CRUSADERS RESPOND TO CATHOLIC COURIER RALLY CALL

BISHOPS APPOINT COMMISSION FOR MEXICAN RELIEF

Archbishop Curley Heads New Group to Aid Victims of Religious Persecution; Nation-Wide Funds Appeal Planned

Baltimore — A new organization authorized by the Hierarchy of the United States, "The Catholic Bishops' Commission, Incorporated, for Mexican Relief," has been established and will soon begin to function, the current issue of The Baltimore Catholic Review says.

The most Rev. Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore, the Most Rev. Arthur Jerome Grossardt, Archbishop of San Antonio, and the Most Rev. Francis C. Kelley, Bishop of Oklahoma City and Tulsa, are officers of the commission, appointed by members of the Hierarchy.

Archbishop Curley is President, and Bishop Kelley is Secretary-Treasurer. The commission has appointed a subcommittee consisting of the Most Rev. John Mark Gannon, Bishop of Erie, the Most Rev. James A. Griffin, Bishop of Springfield in Illinois, and the Most Rev. Peter J. Irwin, Coadjutor, Bishop of Richmond.

Blessing of Pontiff — Stating that the commission has the paternal endorsement and blessing of His Holiness Pope Pius XI, the Review quotes the following paragraph from His Emphasis Eugene Cardinal Patelli, Papal Secretary of State, and his Excellency Archbishop Curley.

"The Holy Father's heart will deep satisfaction in the determination of the American Bishops to raise funds for the persecuted and impoverished Mexican Bishops, priests and seminarians."

He warmly commends this holy initiative and invokes God's blessing for its success. He bestows upon contributors his paternal Apostolic Benediction.

The purpose for which the new corporation has been established, the Review says, are as follows: For the relief and support of the clergy and people of Mexico and others who are suffering because of the administration of the religious laws of the country.

WILL LAUNCH STUDY CLUB MOVE HERE

Miss Marks, National Leader, To Start Work February 1

Arrived on Sunday, Feb. 1, from Washington, D. C., Miss Marian Marks, Executive Secretary, National Center of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, will mark the beginning of the diocesan-wide movement to organize Study Clubs, which will be one of the permanent activities of the Confraternity work in the diocese.

Miss Marks is nationally known leader in the Study Club movement. A graduate of the National Catholic School of Social Service, Washington, D. C., she has been identified with Confraternity activities throughout the country. The Adult Study Clubs of the western dioceses are a tribute to her ability as an organizer and director.

The initial step in the local program according to an announcement made by the Rev. John M. Duff, Director of the Confraternity, will be to hold two conferences of all Study Club leaders in the diocese on Saturday, Feb. 1, and Monday evening at the Columbus Civic Center under the personal direction of Miss Marks.

It is expected, said Father Duffy, that in the larger parishes there will be at least 20 active clubs, each under the direction of a priest. Each club will consist of 10 members, one of whom will act as leader. Eight meetings are scheduled for the Spring season.

The subjects selected for study by the clubs will be formed classes. The conferences of the Mass, the Confraternity on the subject of the Holy Eucharist, and a careful study of this subject will be most beneficial to all our Catholic people. A proper understanding and appreciation of the meaning of the beautiful ceremonies which surround the Holy Eucharist is the center of all Christian worship and life that create in the heart of the worshiper a greater appreciation of the Mass itself and its sublime significance.

Every opportunity to obtain a knowledge of the Mass and its sacraments is added, Father Duffy, is being offered to all. A special pamphlet, "The Ceremony of the Mass," will be given to each Study Club member. The Catholic Encyclopedia Library offers a fine selection of literature on the Mass. Arrangements are being made for the CATHOLIC COURIER to publish a special lesson for each year during the Spring season the Clubs are in session.

Prospective Study Club leaders are urged to meet with Miss Marks next Sunday at 1 Monday evening, Feb. 1, at the Columbus Civic Center. Miss Marks will assist each of the leaders of the diocese. The schedule for these meetings is:

GENEVA—St. Francis de Sales School, February 1th (Tuesday), 7:45 p. m.—General. February 5th (Wednesday), 7:45 p. m.—For leaders only. ALBANY—Holy Family School, February 8th (Thursday), 7:45 p. m.—General. February 11th (Friday), 7:45 p. m.—For leaders only. ITHACA—Immaculate Conception School, February 14th (Saturday), 7:45 p. m.—For leaders only.

A Catholic Courier In Every Catholic Home

SET 10,000 NEW SUBSCRIBERS AS THE GOAL

Rally Of Class Leaders At Civic Center To Open Students' Press Crusade In Diocese; Big Prize List Offered By Courier

Harking across the span of centuries, the mighty call of the Crusaders is sounding again.

To every Catholic boy and girl in the Rochester diocese from the fifth grade through fourth year high get this rally call for Students' Catholic Press Crusade under the auspices of the Catholic Courier, official newspaper of the Rochester diocese.

Like the knights of old who went forth to wrest the Holy Land from the infidels, approximately 15,000 schoolboys and girls will rally forth on February 2 and cover every Catholic home in the diocese before February 17 in a drive to sign up 10,000 new subscribers.

The crusade, marking the annual observance of Catholic press month, opens with the full approbation of His Excellency, the Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney, Bishop of Rochester. Rochester has the endorsement of every member of the clergy.

RALLY TO OPEN CAMPAIGN

The first gun in this modern Crusade will be fired at a rally in the ballroom of the Columbus Civic Center this Saturday morning, February 1, at 10 a. m.

Pastors, school principals, assistants and designated class leaders of the Crusade are cordially invited to attend the rally. Details of the program are being kept a dark secret.

A veritable galaxy of prizes await the successful Crusaders in this campaign. Each subscription obtained means a return to the Crusader of from five to forty cents and a like amount to the school. Full details of the monetary awards will be found on page 20.

But the prizes don't stop with the cash awards. The schools of the diocese have been divided into seven divisions and the school turning in the highest number of subscriptions in each division will receive a large statue of St. Francis de Sales, patron saint of the Catholic Press and special patron of the Students' Catholic Press Crusade.

Each student who turns in the highest number of points in these divisions also will receive a special award while the high student in each classroom will be awarded a framed gold metallic plaque representing the "Ecce Homo." All these prizes and their method of award are detailed on page 20.

Special poster and essay contests also are planned. These will be explained in detail by the school principals.

ARCHBISHOP SEES 'EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY'

Archbishop Mooney, the priests of the diocese, the sisters and the laity are lined up solidly behind the youthful Crusaders in this drive.

From every pulpit in the diocese went a call for support last Sunday. In a letter to the pastors, the Archbishop has written:

"I am confident every pastor will see that the Catholic Press Crusade represents a real educational opportunity for the children of our schools. It will constitute a useful project in Catholic Action.

"It will also develop active interest in the Catholic Press in those who will be the Catholic men and women of tomorrow. In other dioceses it has been tried with success both in building up the interest of Catholic youth in the Catholic Press and in building up the Catholic Press through the active efforts of Catholic youth."

With the campaign officially under way February 2, reports of the progress of the various schools will be made to the Catholic Courier offices on February 5, 7, 11, 15 and the final report on February 19. The prize lists will be announced as soon thereafter as possible.

The stage is now set for the drive. Crusaders of the Twentieth Century, the call to arms is sounding. Let's Go.



This photo posed for the Catholic Courier by Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Crowley and two of their children, Betty and Jack.

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EXCEPTION! ● THIS EDITION with its added news and many features is exceptional. It will be the usual thing provided wholehearted support is given the Students' Catholic Press Crusade about to start.

81 SCHOOLS JOIN CRUSADE

The 15,000 boys and girls taking part in the Students' Catholic Press Crusade represent eighty-one schools in the diocese of Rochester. The movement is the first of its kind in which every school in the diocese joined together in a crusade for a common goal. The schools have been divided into two main districts, the first embracing those institutions in Rochester and Monroe County and the second covering all schools in the diocese outside Monroe County. In each district are three divisions. The first is of schools with eligible enrollment up to 75, the second from 75 to 125 and the third from 125 to 250. A special division has been established for schools with eligible enrollment over 251. Eligible enrollment covers all students from the fifth to the eighth grades, inclusive, in grammar schools and the entire four years in high schools. These divisions were made to secure an equitable prize distribution.

The Crusaders' Prayer

Most illustrious Apostle Paul, who hast exerted with the greatest zeal to destroy in Ephesus the worship of the goddess Artemis, and thou who were apt to turn up the nose of the faithful people to our kind of opposition efforts in the present day, I beseech thee to aid and comfort us in our present struggle to bring the light of the Catholic Press to the hearts of our youth. Enlighten the young of this day, that they may be able to work for the souls with their prayers, and I will suggest, make their hearts to catch the fire of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit of the many who are doing to work who by the grace of Jesus Christ bring to the world the word of our Chief Bishop, and not to give ourselves any more to the reading of bad literature. Rather read we make it a point to read as far as possible—use publications as by their wholesome content may help all to promote the greater glory of God, the prestige of His Church, and the salvation of souls. Amen. Indulgence of 300 days, once a day, (S.C.G. Holy Office Dec. 10, 1908, and Jan. 23, 1909).

NUNS DIRECT CRUSADERS

More than half of the 100 nuns representing five religious orders in the Rochester Diocese will direct the Crusaders in their campaign to enlist new subscribers to the Catholic Courier official diocesan weekly. The five orders represented in the diocesan schools include Sisters of St. Joseph, Sisters of Notre Dame, Sisters of Mercy, Maidens of the Sacred Heart and two branches of the Franciscan order. The principals in the various schools will supervise the general conduct of the Crusade in their institutions, appointing one of the sisters to take active charge of the drive. The sisters also will supervise the appointment of two leaders in each class to help promote the campaign.

Be A Press Crusader!